

## WEEK'S NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

HAPPENINGS OF THE SEVEN  
PAST DAYS ARE BRIEFLY  
TOLD HERE.

### FROM AROUND THE PLANET

Dispatches From Our Own and Foreign Countries Are Here Given In Short Meter for Busy Readers.

James and Hood Baldwin, brothers and wealthy cattlemen of Broken Bow, Ok., were convicted at DeQueen, Ark., of holding up the bank of Gilham, Ark., March 2.

Mayor-elect J. E. House of Topeka, Kan., announced that he would appoint Harvey Parsons, newspaperman and cartoonist, as chief of police.

Members of the Arkansas state penitentiary commission received a letter from Reedy Vance, doing 20 years for murder, declining the pardon granted him recently by Gov. Hays on condition that he remain out of the county.

The allies celebrated the anniversary of King Albert's birth. The Belgian ruler was 40 years old April 8.

At the annual army maneuvers near Talsio, Chile, two officers were killed by the fall of a military aeroplane.

The Japanese cruiser Asama, wrecked on the Lower California coast, cannot be salvaged, according to officers of the tug Seavoyer.

Business men are circulating a petition asking for the division of Montana and the creation of a new state.

Announcement is made of the postponement on account of the European war of the Pan-American Congress of Jurists, which was to have met in Rio Janeiro next July.

The Iowa legislature refused, by a vote of 45 to 24, to permit Iowa brewers to manufacture or sell malt beverages after Jan. 1, next.

United States Minister Gonzales, who issued passports to Jack Johnson and his white wife, demanded that the passports be returned on the ground that they were obtained under false pretenses.

Inquiries were started by the government to find out the purpose of the coming to the United States of Victoriano Huerta, the former Mexican dictator, deposed by the administration.

The coast guard service ordered every available cutter south of Boston to Diamond Shoals, N. C., at full speed to aid eight vessels wrecked off that point on the coast.

Russia is reported to have launched a submarine war in the Baltic sea against Germany similar to that inaugurated by Germany against England.

Peoria, Ill. police are seeking an unidentified negro who killed Mrs. William H. Schriver after attempting to attack her. The negro cut the woman's throat and then escaped.

Admiral Moore, in charge of the work of locating and raising the lost submarine F-4 at Honolulu, reported to the navy department that no results had been obtained thus far.

Alexander Kozlinski of Chicago thought his wife was going to leave him, so he burned a big "K" on her arm to brand her.

The official count in the local option elections held in Nebraska showed gains for the drys in 19 counties against three in which the wets were victorious.

The Havas agency at Paris says that 43 German generals have died in action.

J. W. Grimes, a mail carrier, and by Gus Cook, the woman's husband.

An unidentified man climbed over the railing at Prospect Point, Niagara Falls, and plunged into the river.

According to a dispatch to the Amsterdam Anzeiger from Beirut, Syria, a Catholic priest named Yusuf Elhail has been sentenced to death by hanging for sending a letter to the president of the French chamber of deputies regarding the situation in Lebanon.

The iron and steel mills of North Bros. Co. and Lukens Iron and Steel company of Coatesville, Pa., have notified employees who live in the company's houses that tenants will be forbidden to have whisky, beer or other intoxicating drink delivered at their homes.

Gov. Dunne was advised by John M. Pico, Italian consular agent in Springfield, Ill., that the reported trouble between rival camps of Italians at Marion, Ill., have been greatly exaggerated.

Two California limited trains of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, east and west bound, collided head-on near Monrovia, but, as both were running slow, no one was hurt.

Ambassador Page, at London, has been notified by the British government that it will censor all cablegrams.

Seven salmon were landed at the opening of the Penobscot river (Me.) fishing season. The first fish taken weighed 16 pounds.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National American Woman's Suffrage association, has made plans to deliver 30 speeches in each of the eastern states which will vote on the woman suffrage this fall.

Charles E. Sebastian, chief of police, and Earl Rose, an attorney, were indicted on charges of having attempted corruptly to influence the Los Angeles grand jury.

James W. Dixon, 68, of Chicago, charging his wife Mattie, 71, with abandonment, told the court she insisted on attending vaudeville shows that were too spicy for his tastes.

A victory for "dry" forces in Michigan was indicated when nearly complete returns from 16 counties which held local option elections showed the "dry" winner in 13 of them.

Paul Wallace and Ross Evert of Terre Haute, Ind., were killed when their motorcycle struck a hay wagon.

By agreement of counsel for both sides, the trial of the \$50,000 libel suit brought by William Barnes of Albany against former President Roosevelt has been set for April 19.

Arkansas' 2-cent passenger rate and the commission freight tariff as applied to the St. L. & S. F. railroad in Arkansas were declared confiscatory in the federal court.

Postmaster-General Eurlison has issued an order permitting city letter carriers to wear summer uniforms which can be secured at less cost than heretofore.

Articles ranging from fishhooks to false teeth were sold to the highest bidder at Chicago at the first auction sale of unclaimed parcel post packages.

The French army bulletin made the first official announcement concerning the new powder which has been talked of mysteriously for months. The bulletin says the explosive doubles the effect of the shells of three-inch guns.

Serious disturbances in which several persons were killed and a number hurt, following the government's admission of reverses in the Carpathians, according to dispatches to Rome newspapers.

The Netherlands government has notified the United States that any foreign ship misusing the Dutch flag or using other means to make a pretense of Dutch nationality will not be permitted to depart from or pass through waters under the jurisdiction of the Netherlands.

Thomas A. Edison predicted that the United States would soon be manufacturing its own dyes, and that the so-called famine in dyes, due to the war, was about to end.

Counterfeit gold pieces, a part of which is glass, to give them the proper ring, are being made in Chicago and have been in circulation for eight months, according to agents said.

The family of Claud Casimir-Perrier, son of a former president of France, has been informed that he was killed in battle and was buried near Rheims.

Dollins Hawkins and Elmer Stanforth, farmers of Anderson county, Ky., were shot to death by Joseph Chilton, their brother-in-law. Chilton was arrested and will plead self-defense.

Joshua Moore and his wife of Cookeville, Tenn., are the parents of three little girls born at one time. All are healthy and normal babies. The father is 45 years old and the mother is 39 years old.

A slight earthquake was felt in Rome recently.

The Hiram Lloyd Building and Construction company of St. Louis has been awarded the contract for the construction of the public building at Miles City, Mont., at \$36,817.

An anonymous letter was received by State Auditor Gordon of Missouri in which was enclosed a \$5 bill for a box of state stationery and writing utensils which the writer said had been obtained through a friend who was a legislative employee.

Fire threatened the entire business section of Ramsey, Ill. It started in the Charles Leigh meat market. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

Federal and state mediators here to reopen negotiations between the 359 striking employees and the Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) railway company have made little progress.

Helms of Jacob Oswald, who died at Masonville, N. Y., have discovered the eccentric old man left a fortune of nearly \$25,000 in old tin cans in the cellar of his home.

Pistic supremacy passed from the black to the white race at Havana, Cuba, when Jess Willard defeated Jack Johnson in the twenty-sixth round of a prize fight for the heavyweight championship of the world.

Two hundred thousand bales of hay awaiting shipment to European countries engaged in war were burned at Houston, Tex.

Liquor valued at \$2,500 was poured into the river at Pine Bluff, Ark., by Sheriff Williams and his assistants.

Announcement is made that the French government has decided to buy the cargo of cotton carried by the American ship Dacia.

Creditors of the tiny village of Hillsdale, N. Y., attached the portable police station, empty safe, chairs and tables in the town hall, putting the town out of business.

John Divoky, 44, of Brenham, Tex., Good Friday made a cross of railroad ties and, with face to the east, hanged himself upon it.

## GERMANS DEFEATED AT VARIOUS POINTS

FRENCH CLAIM THAT CONDITIONS ARE SATISFACTORY IN WEST.

### NO REGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE

Slaughter on Both Sides Is Far Beyond Precedent, and Neither Side Shows Slightest Care for Lives of Men.

London, England.—Repulses of the Germans at various points in France, the taking of Les Pargies, an important strategic point on the road toward their objective, Metz, and the capture of lines of trenches, are announced in the latest French official report of the warfare in the west.

The Petrograd asserts that in the Carpathians the Russians are in possession of the entire principal chain of mountains, excepting one hill.

The Germans in an earlier statement declared that in the region between the Meuse and Moselle, where Les Pargies is situated, and where sanguinary fighting has been in progress for several days, the French charges were absolutely without success and their losses heavier than those of the Germans.

Loss of Life Fearful.

Heavy losses in men are being incurred on both the French and Carpathian fronts. Paris says that in the forest of Montmarre 15 German heaps of German bodies lay upon the attempts to retake trenches captured from them were repulsed, and in the Champagne the Germans were mown down in a similar offensive movement.

Vienna makes no official denial of Petrograd's claim to further successes in the Carpathians, but says the Russian frontal attacks are being made without regard to loss of life and that high heaps of dead or wounded mark the battlefield.

Engagements of All Sorts.

From the French and German reports the viciousness of the fighting is indicated by the announcement that there have been artillery and infantry engagements, hand-to-hand fighting, the sapping of trenches and the throwing of incendiary and asphyxiating bombs.

The allied fleet bombarded the forts in the Dardanelles all day Sunday and during part of Wednesday, but on Thursday everything was quiet in the straits, according to the Daily Telegraph's Mitylene correspondent.

Sunday's Sermons Attract.

Patterson, N. J.—Billy Sunday is "getting 'em," despite reports of Sunday's revival being a "frost." All Patterson admitted the dramatic preaching was popularizing the sawdust trail of conversion. The tabernacle bulged with record-breaking crowds—with offerings on the same scale. He has talked to 53,000 persons already in eight meetings.

Tries to Ram a Submarine.

South Shields, England.—The tug Homer towing the French bark Colonne from off St. Catherine's Point, was attacked by a German submarine, according to reports brought here. The tug attempted to ram the submarine in the heavy sea but missed her by three feet. The German then sent a torpedo against the side of the bark, sinking her. The Homer escaped.

Germans Have Taken 6,050 Guns.

Berlin.—An official statement issued here said that from the beginning of the war to March 1, 6,050 guns of all description have been captured by the Germans. These include 3,300 from the Belgians, 1,300 from the French, 550 from the Russians and 600 from the British.

Body of Supposed Spy Recovered.

New York.—Police recovered from the bottom of a well, 30 feet deep, the body of William Esser, who is said to have been a spy for the German government, and who was killed recently when the walls of a well caved in on him.

Jersey Rejects Sunday Baseball.

Trenton, N. J.—The house defeated the bill designed to permit Sunday baseball and other recreations in public playing grounds in New Jersey on Sunday.

Stops Exports to Italy.

Geneva, Switzerland.—The German government, besides prohibiting exports from Germany to Italy, is stopping at the frontier stations all empty freight cars bound homeward.

Italians Killed in Tripoli.

Rome, Italy.—An Italian column operating in Tripoli, under the command of Col. Giannazzi, for the protection of the harvesting of the barley crop southeast of Misda, has been attacked by a force of 1,000 rebels and lost 118 men.

## CAST A SMALL VOTE

The Municipal Elections Excited Little Interest Among the Citizens This Spring.

### REPUBLICANS WIN IN ST. LOUIS

Entire Democratic Ticket Defeated By an Estimated Plurality of at Least 25,000.

Many Missouri cities and towns elected municipal officers the other day. Little interest was manifested in the election and only a small vote was polled.

In St. Louis the entire Republican ticket of twenty-eight aldermen, led by A. H. Frederick for chairman of the board, was elected by a plurality estimated at 25,000.

The Democrats had a complete ticket in the field, waged a strenuous campaign and had expected at least an equal division of the offices. Francis M. Curlee, Democratic candidate for president of the aldermanic board, who was defeated, claimed was an unsuccessful candidate for member of the national house of representatives at the last election.

This election was the first under the new St. Louis charter, which abolished the two-chamber legislature and centralized executive and legislative municipal authority. The election of the entire Republican ticket was a surprise even to Republican leaders. At midnight Democratic leaders admitted that the election of any of their candidates was very doubtful, although at that hour only 375 of the 474 precincts had been heard from. These precincts gave Frederick 45,000 and Curlee 27,000.

### THEIR PLAN IS SUCCESSFUL

Free Moving Pictures Brought Crowds of Country Buyers to Stores at Richmond.

The free movies which were given at the Farris Theater at Richmond on a recent Saturday afternoon, proved a success in bringing people from the various parts of Ray county to the county seat Saturday afternoons. The business men who promoted the movement are much gratified with the outcome. The hitch racks were full of teams, the streets full of cars, and the stores lined with people. According to reports from the stores more out-of-town folks were there than had been seen at any one time since the holiday shopping was ended.

The large window cards on display in twenty-eight business establishments invited the visitors to come inside and ask for a ticket to the matinee. The three local newspapers had announced the free movies and practically every man and woman in the county had heard of the free show to be given down at Richmond.

Lamonte Wife Attacker Insane.

Joseph C. Sprinkle, who recently attempted to kill his wife in Lamonte, has been judged insane. He was taken to the Nevada asylum. Mrs. Sprinkle will recover.

Plattsburg Gets a High School.

A proposition to issue \$30,000 bonds for a city high school carried at Plattsburg by a vote of 359 to 27.

Fancy Missouri Horses Sold.

The tenth annual horse sale of the Missouri Special Sales Company was held recently at Mexico. More than two hundred horses were sold. Presley W. Ray of Bowling Green, Ky., privately bought from E. D. Moore of Columbia, the sensational show mare, Lee Chief, for \$2,500.

Freed of Manslaughter Charge.

Robert A. Gardner of Monett recently was cleared of a charge of manslaughter in the Barry county circuit court at Cassville. He was arrested following the death of an umbrella mender named Callahan, whom Gardner as night policeman of Monett, arrested for being drunk and disorderly. Callahan died in the city jail soon after the arrest.

Life Sentence for a Robber.

George Jackson, 23 years old, was sentenced to life imprisonment by a criminal court jury at St. Joseph for the murder of A. K. Godsey, a saloon keeper. The two brothers of the convicted man, one younger and the other older, remain to be tried on the same charge.

Hendricks New Normal Head.

E. L. Hendricks, who has occupied the chair of history in the Warrensburg Normal for the last six years, has been elected president of that institution. He succeeds William J. Hawkins, who has been president for eight years.

Two Drown Seeking Duck.

Two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Hughes, 14 years old, and Ida Troh, 12, were drowned in the Nodaway river in Andrew county, five miles from Nodaway station, the other morning, when they tried to recover a duck which Hughes had shot. The body of Mrs. Hughes was recovered.

Pellagra Death at Springfield.

Mrs. Lulu McCarty, 28 years old, is dead at Springfield of pellagra, the first case of that disease ever known there.

Child's Neck Broken.

While at play at her home, Bernice, the 4-year-old daughter of Nathan Shockey, living near Papinsville, was killed. The little girl was leaning against a gate which was suddenly opened, causing her to fall backwards on her head. Her neck was broken.

School Graft in St. Louis?

## WHEAT ABOVE THE AVERAGE

But Spring Plowing and Other Farm Work Was Delayed by the Bad Weather During March.

According to reports made to the state board of agriculture the spring season in Missouri is opening late. Much cold, cloudy weather during March held back farm work. Despite a deficiency in precipitation for the month the soil is well filled with water.

Condition of wheat for the state is 88.8 per cent as compared with 99.8 one year ago, and a 10-year April average of 86.4. Hessian fly and very late seeding, together with unfavorable weather during March, are given as the cause of the lower wheat condition a year ago. However, on the whole the prospect is promising.

The April lowest condition in ten years was 67.5 in 1910.

Correspondents estimate that 38 per cent of the oats crop has been sown, compared with 55 per cent a year ago, and 23 per cent two years ago. Indications are that the area will be only about 90 per cent of the 893,000 acres seeded in 1914. Favorable weather may result in a larger acreage. About 32 per cent of the corn land has been plowed. This is 9 per cent less than one year ago, but more than two years ago. No corn has been planted. Soil conditions are generally good. There is a scarcity of seed.

Condition of clover is estimated at 80, average 88. Condition of timothy 90, average 90. Condition of rye 90. Alfalfa 89.

### Stork Beat the Train.

The stork ran a race with a St. Louis bound Missouri Pacific passenger train the other night and the stork won. The race began at New Haven, Mo., where Mrs. George Hill, with a basket of fruit in one hand and her 2-year-old son in the other, boarded the train. A few minutes later she became ill and fellow passengers ran from car to car calling for a doctor. In the diner Dr. G. E. Scrutshfield, superintendent of a state hospital at Farmington, was at dinner. He immediately ordered the engineer to put on all possible speed and then rushed to the aid of Mrs. Hill. Between Valley Park and Kirkwood, local suburbs, the child was born. A "baby shower" was held instantly. Traveling salesmen and women passengers contributed the necessary clothing for the infant, and when the train reached St. Louis thirty minutes later, mother and child were doing well.

### Richmond to Have More Schools.

The citizens of the Richmond School District voted for the issuance of \$70,000 bonds for the purpose of building a central high school building and two ward schools. The city Democratic ticket was elected in Richmond without opposition.

### Cheated Asylum by Suicide.

Ira Foltz, 32 years old, committed suicide by hanging himself at his home four miles north of Richards. Foltz was unmarried and had been of unsound mind for some time. He was to have been taken to the state hospital for the insane.

### Died of His Wounds.

William Henry, an Ardmore, Macon county, man, who was shot at a miners' meeting in Ardmore, March 2, by James Davidson, vice president of the local miners' union, died in the hospital at Moberly recently. Davidson is under arrest.

### Keyesville Pioneer Dead.

A. A. Moore, 84 years old, is dead at Keyesville after a long illness. He was born in this county and lived here all his life except while serving in the Confederate army under Maj. Gen. Sterling Price and about one year immediately following the war.

### Liver in Liberty Eighty Years.

Mrs. Susan C. Garth, a pioneer resident of Liberty, and widow of Capt. William C. Garth, died there. She was born in Liberty, May 31, 1835, and that place has always been her home.

### Fair Fruit Prospects.

It is the opinion of farmers and fruit raisers in the White River country that the prospects were never better for a big crop year—especially for the fruit crop. The continued cool weather has held the fruit buds back, and no trees are yet in blossom. Spring weather is long overdue, and this, the fruit experts say, is the very best thing for the coming crop year. Much plowing has been done in the Ozark hills, but in many places the ground has been wet to plow, the soil being soaked from the many winter rains and snows.

### Former Mexico Mayor Dead.

Ell Dock Graham, former mayor, died at Mexico recently of paralysis. He was general manager and treasurer of the Lafayette Telephone Company in Lexington, and installed Mexico's first telephone system in 1893.

### Pick Library Site in Excelsior.

A site has been selected by the Carnegie Library committee at Excelsior Springs for the Carnegie Library which will be erected. Ten thousand dollars will be given by the Carnegie Library Fund for the purpose, the city guaranteeing the upkeep of the library and property.

### Clinton Invites a Railroad.

The Clinton Commercial Club is making a strong fight to get the main offices of the Kansas City, Clinton & Springfield Railroad Company.

### Seven Hurt in Mine Blowup.

Seven men were injured in the Schoolhouse zinc mine, east of Joplin, when two charges of dynamite exploded prematurely. All of the injuries are dangerous, but it is not believed any of the men will die.

### St. Joseph Painters Strike.

All union painters in St. Joseph have been ordered to strike. Union officials said three hundred would be affected. The men are demanding an increase of wages of five cents an hour.



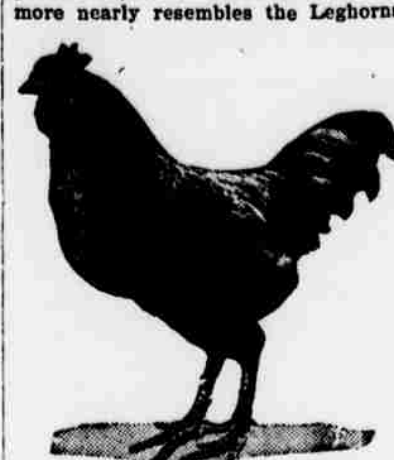
## RHODE ISLAND REDS FAVORED

Latest Addition to List of Popular American Breeds—Good Egg Producers and Grow Rapidly.

(By O. ERF.)

The Rhode Island Red breed constitutes the latest addition to the list of popular American breeds of chickens. This variety differs from the majority of breeds in claiming for themselves an origin based solely on practical considerations.

They are partly of Asiatic blood, but in their selection, which extends over a period of fifty years, attention has been paid to rapid growth and egg production, so that the breed today more nearly resembles the Leghorns



Single Comb Rhode Island Red Chicken.

than does either the Plymouth Rock or Wyandotte. One fundamental difference still exists that shows the Asiatic origin of the red chicken: They are persistent sitters.

The Rhode Island Reds do not reproduce themselves with certainty as to shade of color or style of comb, but in practical points they may be considered a distinct and well-established breed.

## GIVING CHICKENS SKIM MILK

More Eggs Produced Than From Fowls Given Grain Ration Supplemented With Meat Scraps.

According to a general opinion of many who have given the matter much attention, the value of skim milk to laying hens is from 70 cents to \$2.15 per hundred pounds. The latter figure is evidently a little optimistic. According to experiments conducted by the Indiana experiment station, \$1.75 was returned per hundred pounds of skim milk purchased at 30 cents. These experiments covered a period of two years; one pen of laying hens received corn, wheat, oats, bran and shorts in the same proportion, in addition to all the skim milk the fowls would drink, and another pen received only the grain portion of the ration that the results obtained from feeding these rations through two years of experiments it has been shown that the average number of eggs laid per hen receiving grain and skim milk was 135.5 eggs, whereas the hens that did not receive skim milk with the grain ration produced an average of only 96 eggs per hen. It was also shown that during the winter months, December, January and February, when eggs are the highest in price, that the pen receiving skim milk produced seven per cent more eggs even than the pen receiving a grain ration supplemented with meat scraps, a feed generally recognized as a great egg producer.



## DOULTRY NOTES

As a rule, hens lay larger eggs than pullets.

Eggs evaporate and grow lighter with age.

A damp henhouse is a disease breeder.

It pays to save fine leafy alfalfa for your chickens.

Cull your flock, and discard all weakling stock.

High roosts and heavy hens are a bad combination.

You don't see many ambitious hens in a drafty house.

You can't get something for nothing, even from a hen.

Allow the hens free range. Wire in the garden, not the hens.

Every successful poultry venture shows the result of brain work.

Use care to keep the eggs white and clean; it will pay in the long run.

Some people expect the hens to furnish the brains for the egg factory.

Mark your pullets that begin to lay early. They are the kind to raise.

It doesn't pay to feed \$1 wheat to a hen that does not lay. Make her lay.

Did you ever see a bunch of thrifty hens that had to live under a leaky roof?

Laying stock does better in dry, cold houses than in warm, damp houses.

## Feel All Used Up?

Does your back ache constantly? Do you have sharp twinges when stooping or lifting? Do you feel all used up